October 10, 2001

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ONE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,950, FROM OCTOBER 25, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30. 2002

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee, to enter into a contractual agreement with Behavior Support Services, Inc., Miami, Florida, to provide behavioral support services to one student with autism at Jose Marti Middle School. This is a new contractual agreement.

The proposed contract has been developed to provide behavioral assessment, a behavior intervention plan, direct on-site training of teachers and support personnel, daily implementation of program, and documentation of program interventions as indicated on the student's Individual Educational Plan. The proposed contract will provide the above services for this student, in an amount not to exceed \$15,950.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this contractual agreement on October 5, 2001, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as otherwise determined by the Committee.

The appropriation of this item is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

The Chief Executive Officer of Behavior Support Services, Inc., is Ms. Liudmila Cardenas-Diaz.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- 1. authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with Behavior Support Services, Inc., to provide behavioral support services to one exceptional student, in an amount not to exceed \$15,950, from October 25, 2001 through June 30, 2002; and
- 2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget.